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**FLEA MARKET GUN VENDOR SENTENCED TO
FIFTEEN MONTHS IN FEDERAL PRISON**

ORLANDO, FLORIDA - U.S. District Judge John Antoon II yesterday sentenced JAMES WILLARD PRESCOTT, 64, of Mt. Dora, to fifteen months' imprisonment for two counts of selling a firearm to a convicted felon. In addition to the prison sentence, Prescott must serve a term of two years' supervised release and pay a special assessment of \$200.

Prescott was convicted after a jury trial April 13, 2005. According to the evidence presented at trial, Prescott routinely sold firearms from a weekend vending table at a Lake County area flea market. In March and April 2003, Prescott sold handguns and ammunition to a convicted felon working in cooperation with federal law enforcement agents. Under federal law, a person convicted of a felony is prohibited from purchasing or possessing a firearm or ammunition.

The case represents the culmination of a cooperative effort between the United States Attorney's Office and ATF. This is another case prosecuted as a part the Department of Justice program "Project Safe Neighborhoods" - a nationwide gun violence

reduction initiative with strong support from ATF. United States Attorney Paul I. Perez is coordinating the cooperative effort here in the Middle District of Florida with federal, state and local law enforcement officials. The objective is to reduce violent crime by locating and seizing unlawfully possessed guns and then swiftly prosecuting the offenders using both federal and state gun laws.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert E. Bodnar, Jr. and Special Assistant United States Attorney Greg Konieczka.